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¶1. Per reftel request, on June 3 econoff met with the MFA's UN Division Director Viengsavanh Sipraseuth. Ms. Viengsavanh indicated that she would be in touch with the Lao UN mission to discuss the election and that the Government of Laos was interested in supporting its friends and partners. Although unable to commit the GOL to vote for the U.S. candidate without internal discussion, Ms. Viengsavanh is willing to discuss the Lao vote closer to the actual election in October or November.

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